

Good Shepherd of the Hills Episcopal Church

A Jubilee Ministry Center



The Fourth Sunday In Lent
Sunday, March 30, 2025
Holy Eucharist Rite II
Celebrant The Rev. Kim J. Litsey

Our Missional Vision

Good Shepherd of the Hills Church brings the love and light of Christ Jesus to our neighbors. We are called to go out to serve the needs of our community.

Welcome To All Visitors

If you are a visitor today, we welcome you and thank you for worshipping with us! We hope that you are blessed by your visit.

The Right Rev. Jennifer A. Reddall, Bishop
The Rev. Kim J. Litsey, Rector
Eunkyung Suh-Lee, Director of Music
Ashley Phillips, Director of Youth and Children's Ministry
Axel Lopez, Ministry Assistant for Youth
Kristine K., Parish Administrator
Teresa Garnica, Sexton

Today's Ministry Schedule

Lector: Micah Johnson
 Altar Servers: Gretchen Curtis and Erica Richardson
 Ushers: Todd Knape & Don Robbins
 Greeter: Mark & Ann Spolarich

~Prelude~ "Only, Only Thee" By: James Southbridge

~Processional Hymn~ #620~ "Jerusalem, My Happy Home"

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
 2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
 3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
 4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
 2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
 3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
 4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyr's
 5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and



1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 2 still re-joyce in that most hap-py place.
 3 one be blest who might this mu-sic hear.
 4 har-mo-ny doth ring in ev-ery street.
 5 of the same par-ta-ker ev-er be!

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Eucharist, Rite II The Word of God

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins

People: His mercy endures for ever.

The Decalogue (the people kneel)

Hear the commandments of God to his people:

I am the Lord your God who brought you out of bondage.

You shall have no other gods but me.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not make for yourself any idol.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not invoke with malice the Name of the Lord your God.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Remember the Sabbath day and keep it holy.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

Honor your father and your mother.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit murder.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not commit adultery.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not steal.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not be a false witness.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.
Amen. Lord have mercy.

Celebrant says:

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (1 John 1:8,9)

Celebrant says:

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant and People:

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

~Hymn of Praise~ Kyrie S#96

Kyrie Sung

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, _

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, _

Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons: A Reading from the Book Of Joshua

Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm 32 (Read In Unison)

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!**
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!**
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.**
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.**
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.**
- 6 I said, " I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.**

- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in
time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should
go; *
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no
understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

A Reading From Paul's Second Letter To the Corinthians

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

~Gospel Hymn #343~
 "Shepherd Of Souls, Refresh, And Bless"

1 Shep - herd of souls, re - fresh and bless thy cho - sen
 2 We would not live by bread a - lone, but by thy
 3 Be known to us in break - ing bread, and do not
 4 Lord, sup with us in love di - vine, thy Bo - dy

pil - grim flock with man - na in the
 word of grace, in strength of which we
 then de - part; Sa - vior, a - bide with
 and thy Blood, that liv - ing bread, that

wil - der - ness, with wa - ter from the rock.
 trav - el on to our a - bid - ing - place.
 us, and spread thy ta - ble in our heart.
 heaven - ly wine, be our im - mor - tal food.

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 Music: *St. Agnes*, melody John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876); harm. Richard Proulx (b. 1937),
 after John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

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The Gospel

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Luke

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;

I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen

-Prayers Of The People- P# 113 "Oh, How He Loves You And Me"

1. Oh, how He loves you and me,
2. Je - sus to Cal - v'ry did go,

Oh, how He loves you and me.
His love for sin - ners to show.

He gave His life, what more could He give?
What He did there brought hope from de - spair.

Oh, how He loves you; Oh, how He loves me;

Oh, how He loves you and me!

Prayers of the People

Celebrant: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your loving kindness; in your great compassion, hear our prayers.

Leader: We pray for the whole church, Presiding Bishop Sean, Bishop Jennifer, clergy, all leaders, ministers, and all the holy people of God. Wash us through and through,
People: and cleanse us from our sin.

Leader: We pray for our nation, for all the nations of the earth, and for all who are elected to govern the people. Purge us from our sin,
People: and we shall be pure.

Leader: We pray for those who hunger, those who thirst, those who cry out for justice, those who live under the threat of terror, and those without a place to lay their head, especially we pray for our military, and all those serving in areas of conflict. Help them to feel your love,
People: and sustain them with your mercy.

Leader: We pray for those who are ill, those in pain, those under stress, and those who are lonely. We especially pray for those on our prayer list who have asked for our prayers. Give them the joy of your saving help,
People: and sustain them with your bountiful Spirit.

Leader: In this season of Lent, we pray for those who are preparing for baptism and reconciling their differences that we all might be given the grace and strength to repent and grow closer to you. Create in us clean hearts,
People: and renew a right spirit within us.

Leader: We pray for those who have died and entered the land of eternal Light and your abiding peace. Bring them into your presence,
People: and take not your Holy Spirit from them.

Leader: We gratefully acknowledge the Native Peoples on whose ancestral homelands we gather, the Hohokam, as well as the diverse and vibrant Native communities who make their home here today.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Leader: Almighty God, in giving us dominion over things on earth, you made us fellow workers in your creation: Give us wisdom and reverence so to use the resources of nature, that no one may suffer from our abuse of them, and that generations yet to come may continue to praise you for your bounty;

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Concluding prayer led by the Celebrant:

Lord Jesus, you were led into the wilderness only to be tempted for forty days. We pray that you will accept our fervent prayers and lead us to worship and boldly serve you, this day and always.
Amen.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Offertory

Offering (*The Offering is received and the altar is prepared.*)

Celebrant: Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

~Offertory Anthem~

"When I Survey The Wondrous" By: Lowell Mason
(Bell Choir)

*3 Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; praise
him, all crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye
heaven - ly host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

The Holy Eucharist

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

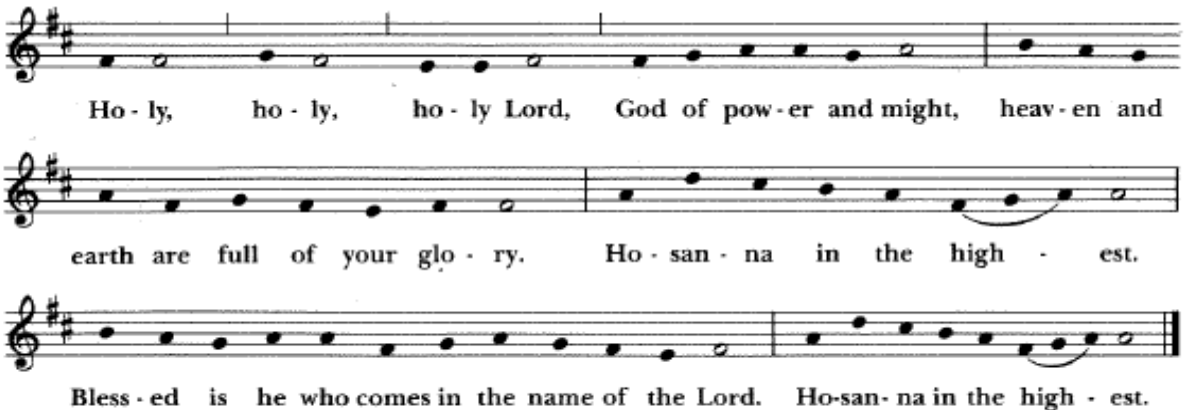
The Celebrant proceeds:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus #124



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might, heav - en and
earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *New Plainsong*; David Hurd (b. 1950)

The Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People: **Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **Amen.**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,
Celebrant and People:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Celebrant: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People: Therefore let us keep the feast.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sins of the world: have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him
in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion of the People

All Baptized people are welcome to receive Holy Communion; if you prefer a blessing please cross your arms in front of your chest.

~Communion Hymn~ “Just As I Am, Without One Plea”
By: William B. Bradury

Post-Communion Prayer

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Celebrant and People:

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food
of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
And now, Father, send us out
to do the work you have given us to do,
to love and serve you
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

Solemn Lenten Prayer over the People

Celebrant: Bow down before the Lord.

The People kneel down and the Priest pronounces a solemn prayer.

Celebrant: Look down in mercy, Lord, on your people who kneel before you; and grant that those you have nourished by your Word and Sacraments may bring forth fruit worthy of repentance; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

~Recessional Hymn #470~
"There's A Wideness In God's Mercy"

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor-rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail-ings have such kind - ly judg-ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel-come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us bless the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

-Postlude- "Immortal, Invisible By: Edward Broughton



Please pray for those celebrating their

Birthday:

Jan Rhoades

And Anniversary:

Dave & Cyndy Farlow, Marc & Vicki Neumann

Please Pray For the Following People

Mariah Myers, Mike, Kathy Frederick, Chris Francis,
Johnny, Mandie, Brynn and Iann Miller, Paddi Mozilo,
Jan, Edna, Mat, and Rick Rhoades, Sylvia Tabor, Dee Crane, Susan,
The Family and Friends of Todd Hodesh, Eric and Michelle Salawich, Charles,
Aaron Parson, John, Hank Zolkiewicz, Tim Rosenhoover, Andrea Hensley,
Roger Powell, The Friends and Family of Sharon,
The Friends and Family of Hope Ann Kelly, Ed Simpson,
Penny, Bernice Insalaco, Claudia Joehl, Cindy Creamers, Bob S., Vivian,
Joan Shillingburg, Lindsey Hensley,
Paula Vessels, David Vessels, and Rachel Vessels,
Anthony and Maria Nassimos, Jan Kramer, The Bowden Family,
Gary Zimmert, Family and Friends of Jim Ditzler,
Friends and Family of Bill Turner, Micah Young,
Family and Friends of Joyce Coombe, Darrow Miller, Evelyn Bonet,
Mary Pierce, The Lee Family, Marion Anderson,
Friends and family of Marilyn Stanitzke, Family and Family of Chuck Hewitt

Please Pray for those in the Armed Forces

Stephanie Case Andersen, Adam and Kim Bennett, Jeff Walker,
Jeff Lindbom, Jordan Knight, Katherine Guthrie, Pierce Guthrie,
Nathan Cole, Gabriel Leite, Blake Henderson Jr., Bryson Henderson,
Brady Bevard, Peter Buckley (Johnson)



Palm Sunday 10AM
Maundy Thursday 6PM
Good Friday 12 Noon Stations of the Cross
6PM Service
Easter Sunday 10AM

Easter Service followed by Easter Egg Hunt!

Maundy Thursday Potluck Soup Supper



Please join us on Maundy Thursday, April 17th, before the service for a Potluck Soup Supper.

Bring your favorite soup or bread to share! (Please bring enough for 6-8 people.)

We are also looking for volunteers to help with the set up and take down. A sign-up sheet is located in Maitland Hall if you are able to participate.

Readers Needed for Palm Sunday and Good Friday!

We are looking for volunteers read parts of the Passion Gospel on Palm Sunday at 10 AM and on Good Friday at the 6 PM service.

Please contact the office if you can help with either day (or both)!

Readers Needed!



The Passion

Volunteers needed for Saturday, April 12th to help make Palm Crosses!

The Altar Guild is looking for a few volunteers to join in the effort to make small palm crosses for the Palm Sunday Service. This is a fun event for all wishing to participate. No prior experience needed! Please contact the office or Erica if you wish to volunteer. This event will be Saturday, April 12th at 9:00 AM in Maitland Hall!



Palm Cross

Makers needed!

Good Shepherd Hikers

The Good Shepherd Hikers invite you to join us on our next hike to the Sears-Kay Ruins on Saturday, April 5, at 9:00. A sign-up sheet is located in Maitland Hall for the hike and additional details will be provided to those attending.

When: Saturday, April 5th @ 9AM

Where: Sears-Kay Ruins

Trail: Approximate 1 mile loop hike (uphill ~200 elevation gain)

Difficulty Rating: Easy to Moderate

Registration required to hike with the group!



Coffee Hour Hosts Needed!

Volunteers are needed to host our Coffee Hour! A sign up sheet is located inside Maitland Hall.



Food & Fellowship

Cave Creek Rodeo Days Parade

Our Youth Ministry had a great time this last Saturday handing out water at the parade!



Food and Fellowship Ministry

Our church's Food and Fellowship Ministry is growing and welcoming new members.

If you are interested in learning about or joining this ministry, please reach out to Audra or Arlene.

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